

## The Times' Daily Short Story.

## The PLAYWRIGHT

(Original.)

"May it please your grace, a man has been arrested who is suspected of carrying messages for the conspirators."

"Bring him to me."

A young man was led into the presence of the duke. He was of an intellectual cast of countenance and wore his hair long. The officer who had him in charge carried a roll of manuscript, which he handed to the duke.

"What's this?" asked his grace of the prisoner.

"A play."

"Who are you?"

"Arthur Cabot."

"Your occupation?"

"An author."

"Was ever a play of yours produced upon the mimic stage?"

"No, your grace."

"To what do you attribute your ill success?"

"The stupidity of the readers."

"Tut, man; more likely to your own stupidity."

"I do my work conscientiously and do not spare myself."

"Playwriting is not work. A playwright should be a poet. A poet is born, not made."

"But your grace does not understand what I mean by the stupidity of the readers. They are too stupid to read my plays."

"Why so?"

"They are taken up with reading their own."

"You shall not find such fault with me. I will read your play, but I warn you if I find in it the slightest trace of a plot against my majesty off goes your head."

"Thank heaven!" replied the author, raising his hands and eyes. "I am at last to receive a hearing."

"Take him away," said the duke, "and bring him to me on the morrow."

The author was led out, dancing along gaily as though the hope of years had been realized.

"Methinks," remarked the duke as he watched the retreating Cabot, "playwriting must be a hard field to enter. I would not wonder if this young man, knowing of my interest in the drama, has himself put out a suspicion that he is carrying messages between these villains, who are seeking to overthrow the existing government."

A few weeks later, when the rising had been successful, the duke was led before the young man who had posed as an author.

"Your grace," he said, "you were pleased to consider my production all work and no play. You were correct. In acknowledgment of your critical discernment you will not be molested. Indeed the prince will offer you an important post in the new government."

F. A. MITCHELL.

## A NAVAL MYSTERY.

No Cause Assigned For the Suicide of Lieutenant Commander Warburton.

Pennscola, Fla., April 4.—Complete mystery surrounds the suicide of Lieutenant Commander Edgar Trovman Warburton, chief engineer of the battleship Maine. No cause whatever can be assigned to the deed, and the theory is that he was either mentally deranged by worry over the machinery of the Maine or else the act was not intentional.

The body was shipped to Philadelphia for interment. This was done upon request of Mrs. Warburton, wife of the deceased. From the docks where the funeral party landed to the train the body was escorted by marines and bluejackets, together with officers of the Maine. Little credence is given here to the report that unpleasantness existed among the engineering forces and other commanding officers of the ship. Commander Warburton was on pleasant terms with all the officers of the Maine and was one of the most popular officers on the vessel. A court of inquiry has been convened here to make a thorough examination into the cause of the death. No letters or messages were left by the deceased, nor did he intimate to any of his personal friends that he intended committing the act.

## Governor Odell a Delegate.

Newburg, N. Y., April 4.—The Republican assembly convention for the first district of Orange county held here selected Governor Odell, Senator L. E. Goodsell, C. L. Waring, Congressman Thomas W. Brady, William G. Taggart, Captain Joseph M. Dekey, James D. McEliff, John B. Ross and Harvey R. Taylor as delegates to the state convention. Resolutions were adopted endorsing the administration of President Roosevelt and that of Governor Odell.

Another Pratt-Odell Conference. Albany, N. Y., April 4.—Governor Odell announces that nothing whatever has been settled between him and Senator Pratt as to the officers of the coming Republican state convention. He says that they are to have another conference in New York next Friday and that until then he would have nothing to say on the subject.

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## Bryan Appeals in Will Case.

New Haven, Conn., April 4.—Notice of an appeal to the supreme court for an appeal to the supreme court from a decision of the circuit court for William J. Bryan in the Philo S. Bennett will case. The appeal is from the finding which excluded as a part of the will the sealed letter by which Mr. Bennett expressed a wish that Mrs. Bennett should turn over \$50,000 from his estate to Mr. Bryan.

## More Millions in Lawson Deal.

Boston, April 4.—Thomas W. Lawson in a statement given to the press referring to his recent testimony in the Boston gas consolidation case said: "On the witness stand I spoke of a deal whereby \$4,000,000 profits had been made. Much comment has been made at the tremendousness of the amount. I will say if I had put it at even \$30,000,000 I would have been well inside the truth."

## Great Farmers' Convention Formed.

Springfield, Mo., April 4.—The farmers' cooperative association of Southern and Western states, and every farmer in America will be incorporated in a new organization at Columbus, with a capital stock of \$5,000,000. Plans are to be made to build here, and employment is to be given to 2,000 or 3,000 men. The company, it is said, has the backing of the national government.

## Democrats Introduce Tariff Bill.

Washington, April 4.—Representative William of Mississippi has introduced a bill providing that tariff duties on any article shall not amount to more than 500 per cent ad valorem.

## INDIANA FLOODS DOWN

Water Receding In All Parts of the Inundated State.

## CAPITAL CITY IS DRYING OUT

Other Cities Report the Gradual Subsidence of the Rivers and Lakes. Evansville and Terre Haute Railroad Resuming Traffic.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 4.—Alarm prevailed here for some time because of the continued rise of White river and Pogue run, the backwaters of which again flooded the waterworks pumping station, crippled street railway traffic and threatened to duplicate the damage done in the flood of the week before last. Later the waters receded, and no further apprehension was felt. The pumping station and street railways have again resumed operations, and the city is again with adequate protection from fire. Dispatches from all towns to northern and central Indiana where the high waters were threatening advise that the waters are receding, and it is believed that the danger is passed. East Marion has been practically destroyed and will have to be rebuilt.

At St. Francisville and at Russellville and Billet, Ill., the situation is still critical. Two men arrived at Vincennes in a boat and asked for relief for Russellville, where, they say, nearly every house is submerged and people are without provisions except meal. A ferryboat manned by twenty-five men arrived from Billet and bought provisions, which were taken to the isolated town. They told of great suffering there because of the scarcity of food.

At Evansville the Ohio began rising and at one time registered 39.5 feet, but later the waters fell slowly, and it is thought that there will be no further change. Green and Warren rivers are both bankfull. The Evansville and Terre Haute road, which had been tied up for nearly a week, is now sending trains through.

Small lakes in northern Indiana are bankfull and flooding the lowlands. At Alexandria two bridges went out, and Scottsboro, a suburb, is entirely cut off. State Mine Inspector Epperson says there is general danger to coal mines all over the state, especially in Greene, Clay and Parke counties. At Columbus the central pier of the Indianapolis, Columbus and Southern Traction company's bridge went out and has disappeared entirely.

Less Danger at Celina, O. Celina, O., April 4.—The danger of Grand reservoir breaking its bounds at the west bank is at an end unless further rainfalls and a stiff wind from the east should again create menacing conditions. Celina, situated on the north bank of the reservoir, never was in danger from an overflow. The water would have gone out at the west bank, deluging the west half of Mercer county and flooding eastern Indiana. The wind from the west was blowing the waters eastward toward St. Mary's, and, while threatening damage there, it has averted further fear of a break on the west side.

Findlay Recovering From Flood. Findlay, O., April 4.—At Findlay the flood situation is much better. Estimates of the loss range from \$100,000 to \$500,000. Much of the Ohio Central truckage has been washed away. At Canal Dover the flood is the third that has occurred in three months. The Tuscarawas river has overflowed its banks. Residents have gone into the second stories of their homes. Railroad traffic is retarded and on some roads entirely suspended. Improved conditions are looked for soon.

## Flood Solves a Mystery.

Delaware, O., April 4.—The receding waters here have disclosed the body of Shaddock Westbrook, a prominent farmer of Ashley, who has been missing since March 17, on which date he purchased a farm, paying cash therefor and having a considerable sum of money in his possession after the transaction. The coroner will hold an inquest to try to determine whether the cause of death was accidental or a murder.

## Buckeye Railroads Washed Away.

Millersburg, O., April 4.—The floods here have again put the Cleveland, Akron and Columbus and the Baltimore and Ohio railroads out of business. All the repairs made necessary by the flood of March 28 have been washed away. Travel by wagon road from the west has been shut off by the washing away of two bridges near here.

## St. Mary's, O., In Peril.

St. Mary's, O., April 4.—A call has been issued by the civil superintendent here for volunteers to take the places of the men working on the banks of the Grand reservoir, who are now exhausted. The situation is becoming critical, the banks being washed through in many places.

## Harriman Wants N. P. Stock Back.

St. Paul, Minn., April 4.—E. H. Harriman as trustee for the Oregon Short Line has filed a petition in the federal circuit court asking to be allowed to intervene in the case of the United States against the Northern Securities company with the object of compelling the Northern Securities company to turn over to him the Northern Pacific railway stock originally exchanged for Northern Securities company stock.

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## COLOMBIA IS DESPERATE.

Will Fight if Appeal From Recent Decision Is Ineffective.

Paris, April 4.—Jorge Holguin, financial agent of Colombia, who was one of the parties instigating the recent suit against the Panama Canal company, says in the course of an interview:

"We intend to appeal, and if that fails we will apply to the court of cassation. Finally, if all the French courts refuse us justice Colombia will publish a manifesto to the world, explaining that she is the victim of odious spoliation which compels her to resort to arms."

"The American squadrons at Colon and Panama now prevent Colombia from disembarking the troops concentrated at Barranquilla, but sooner or later those squadrons will be withdrawn, and then the Colombian forces will invade the rebel republic of Panama and make war."

Although Holguin's remarks are expressive of the purposes of the Colombian colony here, they are in marked contrast with the pacific intentions which General Reyes declared in an interview March 25, previous to his return to Colombia.

## Two Killed on the Pennsylvania.

Reading, Pa., April 4.—Two persons were killed and a dozen others injured in a collision between an express train and a coal train on the Pennsylvania railroad near Potstown. The coal train was lying on a siding, and the engineer's orders, it is said, were to wait for an accommodation and the express. The accommodation passed, when the coal train pulled out on the main track, and the express crashed into it.

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## BEEF TRUST INVESTIGATION.

Government Trying to Learn Why Fresh Meat Is So High.

St. Louis, April 4.—A corps of agents of the United States department of commerce is in St. Louis inquiring into the operations of the alleged beef trust.

Their names and their movements are kept secret. According to information, they have been sent here by Secretary Cretzschmar in accordance with a resolution of congress instructing him to investigate "the causes of the alleged low prices of beef cattle in the United States in July and the unusually large margin between the prices of beef cattle and the selling prices of fresh beef."

A resolution directs Secretary Cretzschmar to ascertain and report whether the prices have been manipulated by any corporate combination and if so what the combination, management and profits of such combinations are. The inspectors will visit Chicago, Kansas City and St. Joseph and will also probably go to Omaha.

## Milk Agreement in New England.

Boston, April 4.—A working agreement for six months, beginning April 1, has been reached by the New England Milk Producers' association and the milk contractors of this city. This arrangement is a result of several conferences between delegates of the contractors and the farmers. The price of milk to consumers will not be changed. The proposed plan of the farmers to form a co-operative organization which will distribute milk and render relations with the contractors unnecessary, it is said, has not yet been perfected.

## Illinois Miners Will Not Strike.

Springfield, Ill., April 4.—After being in session eleven days, during which time there were threats of a strike, the joint scale committee of the coal operators and miners of Illinois have agreed upon a scale and signed it.

## Shipbuilding Trust Wins Point.

Albany, N. Y., April 4.—Justice Herlick has handed down a decision denying the motion of defendants for a change of venue in the case of Charles D. Kavanagh against the United States Shipbuilding company.

The Weather.  
Fair and cool; brisk westerly winds.

## Important Land Fraud Arrest.

Washington, April 4.—The arrest at Chicago of Mrs. Emma L. Watson of Portland, Ore., for alleged implication in the sweeping land frauds in Oregon is said here to be one of the most important that have yet been made as the result of that investigation. The interior department has been trying to locate Mrs. Watson for months, and the secret service followed numerous clues in making the search and ended successfully. It is alleged that she brought parties to Oregon to locate on lands in contravention of the laws that she represented a number of people in these transactions and that she has figured conspicuously in numerous land deals.

## Official Report on Fruit Frost.

Washington, April 4.—The department of agriculture has issued a report on the fruit trees frozen in 1904 in New York and New England, especially in the Hudson and Connecticut valleys. The report says the damage was found to be mainly to peach, Japanese plum and pear trees, and the most serious harm was confined largely to the lower levels and pockets. The report advises against severe pruning of frozen pear trees at this season.

## Fatal Erie Tank Explosion.

Meadville, Pa., April 4.—An air tank, 6 by 10 feet, exploded in the machine shop of the Erie railroad shops here, partially wrecking the machine building and killing one man instantly and injuring several others.

## American Pilgrims in Good Health.

Genoa, April 4.—The Hamour American line steamer Anzura Victoria has arrived here with 350 Americans bound for the Holy Land. All are well.

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